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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Reconsideration of the Non-Final Office Action mailed on 17 February 2011 is requested for the following reasons.

I. STATUS

Over five years after mailing the original Notice of Allowance, a new Non-Final has been mailed. Claims 1-12, 14-20 and 22-25 remain pending, and stand rejected. Claims 13 and 21 stand cancelled.

Notably, as of 5 October 2004, claims 4, 12 and 17 stood withdrawn. These claims were rejoined in the original Notice of Allowance of 15 June 2004, and they were treated on the merits in the most recent Non-Final. Therefore, Applicant assumes that these claims are no longer withdrawn.

II. OBVIOUSNESS REJECTION

Claims 1-12, 14-20 and 22-25 have been rejected under § 103(a) as being obvious over *Winfree* (U.S. Patent No. 6,439,503) in view of *Early* (U.S. Patent No. 6,382,957).